

## Young People's Work.

### A COMMON FAILING WHICH OUGHT TO BE CORRECTED.

(Read at Meyersdale Guild.)

There is a habit which is a very common one not only with so-called good conversationalists, but with those who make no pretensions in that direction. This is the breaking in upon a speaker before he has concluded a sentence. Watch yourself when engaged in a controversy about something of special interest to you, and see if the eager thought does not "o'er-heap the bounds of politeness" to the extent of cutting off the speech of the opponent ere it is finished. Sometimes the opponent will not allow himself to be cut off, so that the funny spectacle is presented of two persons hurling words at each other, at the same time, each intent on the expression of his own weighty thought without regard to that of the other. Of course every one will acknowledge that this is rank rudeness but they who are sometimes guilty, number far more than those who are not.

It is a pity that we do not better understand the power lying in the fine art of listening. The man or woman who has the gift of expression in language is too apt to enjoy its use to the exclusion of any other's idea, never realizing that its power over others would be greatly increased by the contrast of occasional silence. Let the silence be that of an intelligent listener, the face wearing a look of responsive interest and the whole attitude expressive of a desire to hear the thought of another and the charm of his own power over words is increased tenfold. There is a story told about Coleridge, who would carry on a splendid monologue, so long as he had a listener. One day, when filled with some new idea, he met a friend in the park, and seizing him by one of the buttons of the coat, he began talking with his eyes half closed according to a fashion he had. The friend stood as long as he could but seeing no end of the talk in sight, he quietly pulled out his knife cut off the button and hastened away leaving the flow of speech uninterrupted. Mr. Coleridge standing there with the button in his grasp utterly unconscious that his listener was gone.

A great deal has been said within the last few years of our national lack in mastering the art of conversation and it has been advised that children be better taught from their infancy the power of expression in language. Children should be thus taught but a part of their training ought to be in acquiring the art of eloquent listening. To talk well and to listen well everywhere, is to possess an influence that is of the greatest value under all circumstances.

### KING'S CHILDREN AT WARSAW.

DEAR EDITOR:—We organized our society of King's Children of Christian Endeavor, with a membership of thirty-two. Our meetings are very interesting, and we feel that much good is being done. We have arranged for a course of lectures to be given by Rev. J. D. McFaden, beginning Nov. 13, and continuing through the week. We are anticipating instructive and beneficial meetings. We feel very weak and we ask to be remembered in the prayers of all the strong societies. You will no doubt hear from us again, after our revival.

GRACE SWITZER. COR. SEC.

### KING'S CHILDREN ORGANIZED.

We are happy to report of our King's Children society, which we organized Oct. We organized with forty members, and we are hopeful to increase our membership rapidly and to grow in influence and favor. Our election of officers resulted as follows: For President, Mr. J. E. Thomas; Vice President, Mr. G. D. Wilson; Secretary, Mr. J. L. Hoover; Treasure, Miss Olara Kelsey; Marshall, A. C. Black.

We feel that our society will give employment to the dear brethren and sisters and help to develop them into usefulness. Some very interesting discussions have been given and we hope as we grow older in the work the more interesting it will be for us. The attendance of our last meeting was quite small owing to bad weather. Not being present at all of the meetings I cannot give full account. Bro. Swihart is our pastor for the coming year. He cannot be with us our next appointment. We regret it very much.

CLARA KELSEY.

### Sisters' S. C. E.

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

President—Laura E. N. Grossnickle, South Bend, Ind.  
Secretary—Sarah Cohaugh, Johnstown, Pa.  
Treasurer—Sarah Kelm, Ashland, Ohio.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We closed our meetings at New Troy, Mich. with six accessions by baptism. That makes twenty-one additions to the church since January. Nine have been added by relation, and twelve by baptism. For several years the church has had a Ladies' aid society, which has rendered efficient help. They papered the church a year or two ago, furnished money for blinds, and recently put into the church over thirty yards of carpet, and three pulpit chairs, making the church look quite cosy. There are some good, faithful, earnest workers there. Last week, I attended a meeting of their society and succeeded in having them accept the S. S. C. E. constitution. In the future they will be called Christian Endeavor instead of Aid society. They aim to meet

once in two weeks whenever practicable, and each member pays five cents at each meeting. The devotional exercises were quite an enjoyable part of the meeting last week. This, dear sisters should always be a prominent feature of each meeting. Let us not forget that one of the purposes of the S. S. C. E. is to promote Christian education and spiritual growth. Christian endeavor, means Christian effort,—effort for Christ and his cause, effort to grow in grace, and knowledge, effort to become better ourselves, effort to make those around us better. Let us not be content to have a scripture lesson and one prayer at each meeting, but conduct the devotional exercises, so as to have all take part. Have two or three soul-stirring songs. There is nothing lifts us more closely to God, than song from the heart, "making melody in our hearts unto the Lord." Read the scripture lesson as a responsive reading. Have several short prayers, and a sentence prayer from all if possible. Try it, dear friends, and see how much better you will enjoy it than if only two or three take part. Carry your song books and Bibles with you. You will learn to love them all the better for having made them your travelling companions, and the unconverted will see and take note of it. Be thoroughly interested in your work, think about it, talk about it, and others will become interested. If there are discouragements do not yield to them, but only put forth greater effort. Know no such word as fail, but determine upon success and victory for Christ's sake.

I am pleased to record a new society organized at Marcus, Iowa, reported to me by its president. I am so glad to see from the EVANGELIST that one has been organized at Glenford, Ohio. Will the president please send me her name and address? If any other societies have been organized, please report them. Don't neglect this. We want to know what is being done all over the brotherhood. Let us not hide our light under a bushel, but let it shine for the glory of God.\*

Yours for Christ's sake,

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

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Satan's temptation to Christ through life was—spare yourself. If Satan could have got Christ to leave the Cross out, he knew that Christ's whole life would be abortive. The devil would do anything to prevent Christ's dying, for the devil knew that it was only by death that a spirit can touch other spirits. God's life can only reach its fullest development by passing through the grave and dying, "for if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit." I say to myself, "Oh! man, have you died enough? You see the shadow because your back is toward the sun; turn around, and see the sun itself in the face."